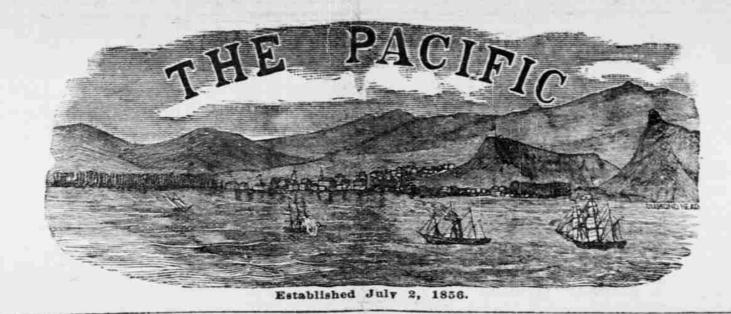
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A Contradiction.

The following letter will be of general interest:

HON. A. S. CLEGHORN, Collector-General of Customs.

SIR: Deeming it my duty to contradict a statement made in the Hongkong Daily Press of December 25th, 1891, reflecting upon the Customs authorities of this kingdom, I address you the following communication:

"The article in question makes ment and people, police and sol-me say that 11,000 taels of opium diers, mobs and dynamiters, makwere put on board of the Velocity by | ing the Paradise of the Pacific an the Superintendent of Customs at Inferno. The symptoms of a fatal Honolulu, to be taken to a certain | disorder are appearing. Something latitude and longitude and handed must be done. Luckily the remedy over to another vessel."

my trial I stated that the Customs of prosperity beyond the dream of question on board of my vessel people choose the right course? themselves because they could not trust the shipper to do it.

I am not certain that the Customs officers were aware that it was the intention of the shippers to land the opium in the kingdom, but my vessel having been followed by a small steamer on my departure, I presume that they had a suspicion that it would be done It had been agreed between the shipper of the opium and myself SATURDAY, MAY 28 that a vessel was to meet me at a certain distance from this port. outside of the jurisdiction of the kingdom, and I was to deliver it MUSIN CONCERT there to that vessel.

The vessel failed to meet me and I stood away for China.

As I said before, I deem it a duty, and I may add a pleasure, for me to set this matter right and free the authorities from any seeming collusion in the matter such as the errors in the report of my evidence, when on trial, might imply I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Your humble Servant, R. MARTIN, Master bark Velocity. Honolulu, May 27, 1892.

Stable Government.

Mr. Editor: An editorial bearing the above title appeared recently in the ADVERTISER, and was replied to by the evening organ. But the most important things for I the thinking public to consider at the present time still remain unsaid. There is a class of business men and others who do not concern themselves much about polities, who strongly resent any agitation or disturbance that tends to

injure trade and financial confidence. The blame for any trouble that may arise is fixed on the immediate persons without much thought of the remoter causes. The cause of agitation and revolution is not the agitators or revolutionists, but poverty and bad government that produce the same noxious crop the world over. It is not Wilcox and Ashford who bring about an unsettled state of affairs, but the utter badness of the social and governmental systems which produces Wilcoxes and Ashfordsrevolutionists and anarchists-and will continue to produce one lot

Those who desire a stable government must first found it. It is worse than useless to try to prop up the old top-heavy one with useless prosecutions for treason and libel. It is no use to refuse employment to those who are agi-tating for bread. Even murdering 3056-tf tating for bread. Even murdering ontright in the name of law and order those who refuse to starve quietly will not render the govern-

after another till there is a real

Then, in attempting to have a stable government, it must first be considered if it is a government that merits perpetuation. No one should desire the continuance of a bad government. In order to secure stability, the centre of ATTORNEY - AT - LAW gravity must fall within the base. So in government, the superstructure must rest on the people. If the people are intelligent, prosperous and contented, the government MR. EDITOR: I understand that may be just and stable. If the on the day following the death of people are struggling in ignorance and poverty, there can be no foundation for a popular govern-

tion and ruin.

The policy of the wealthy and powerful in these Islands has depopulated the country and left the State without a foundation. Hawaii is becoming a country without a people; a fertile land lying fallow and waste under an evil magician's spell. The fields no longer bring forth harvests. Houses and homes are deserted and desolate. Poverty, confusion and crime are spreading everywhere. It is no wonder that there are those who hope to snatch the wand from the wizzard's hand and restore the

country to its natural animation. No one with an iota of manhood can desire to see things continue in their present course till Hawaii is only a camp of slaves herded by an army of foreign mercenaries, nor to see a conflict between Governis at hand. By doing the right I most emphatically deny the thing at the present crisis all General Commission Agents truthfulness of the above state- trouble may be avoided, and the ment, and would here say that at country can start out on a course authorities placed the opium in the present population. Will the

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